

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9 and 16-29 are pending. Claims 1, 21 and 26 have been amended. Claims 5-15, 19-20, 25 and 27 have been cancelled. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed, in particular, allowed Claim 27. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

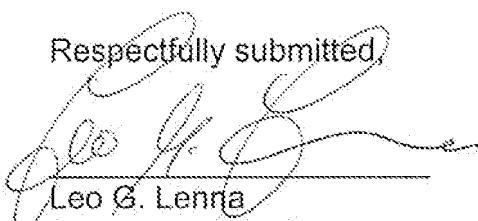
The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for acknowledging that Claim 27 contains allowable subject matter which would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By way of this amendment, independent Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include the features of allowable Claim 27 and all intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 21, as well as, all dependent Claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-4, 16-18, 21-24, 26 and 28-29 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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